

AO 257 (Rev. 6/78)

**DEFENDANT INFORMATION RELATIVE TO A CRIMINAL ACTION - IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT**BY: ☐ COMPLAINT ☒ INFORMATION ☐ INDICTMENT  
☐ SUPERSEDING**OFFENSE CHARGED**26 U.S.C. § 7216, Disclosure or Use  
of Information by Preparer of Tax  
Returns (Class A Misdemeanor)☐ Petty  
☐ Minor  
☒ Misdemeanor  
☐ Felony**PENALTY:**One Year Prison  
One Year Supervised Release  
\$100,000 Fine  
\$25 Special Assessment**PROCEEDING**

Name of Complainant Agency, or Person (&amp; Title, if any)

Department of the Treasury, Office of the Inspector General

☐ person is awaiting trial in another Federal or State  
Court, give name of court☐ this person/proceeding is transferred from another  
district per (circle one) FRCP 20, 21 or 40. Show  
District☐ this is a reprosecution of  
charges previously dismissed  
which were dismissed on  
motion of:☐ U.S. Att'y ☐ Defense☐ this prosecution relates to a  
pending case involving this same  
defendant☐ prior proceedings or appearance(s)  
before U.S. Magistrate regarding  
this defendant were recorded underSHOW  
DOCKET NO.MAGISTRATE  
CASE NO.Name and Office of Person  
Furnishing Information on  
THIS FORM

Joseph P. Russoniello

☒ U.S. Att'y ☐ Other U.S. AgencyName of Asst. U.S. Att'y  
(if assigned)

Wendy Thomas

Name of District Court, and/or Judge/Magistrate Location  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

DEFENDANT - U.S.

LAURA E. PRUITT

DISTRICT COURT NUMBER

CR 08

0289

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**DEFENDANT****IS NOT IN CUSTODY**

- 1) ☒ Has not been arrested, pending outcome this proceeding.  
If not detained give date any prior summons  
was served on above charges
- 2) ☐ Is a Fugitive
- 3) ☐ Is on Bail or Release from (show District)

**IS IN CUSTODY**

- 4) ☐ On this charge
- 5) ☐ On another conviction
- 6) ☐ Awaiting trial on other charges } ☐ Fed'l ☐ State

If answer to (6) is "Yes", show name of institution

Has detainer  
been filed? ☐ Yes ☐ NoIf "Yes"  
give date  
filed**DATE OF  
ARREST**

Month/Day/Year

Or... if Arresting Agency &amp; Warrant were not

**DATE TRANSFERRED  
TO U.S. CUSTODY**

Month/Day/Year

☐ This report amends AO 257 previously submitted**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS****PROCESS:**☐ SUMMONS ☒ NO PROCESS\* ☐ WARRANT

Bail Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

If Summons, complete following:

☐ Arraignment ☐ Initial Appearance

Defendant Address:

520 S. Van Ness Ave., #372  
San Francisco, CA 94110\*Where defendant previously apprehended on complaint, no new summons  
or warrant needed, since Magistrate has scheduled arraignment

Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Before Judge: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

JOSEPH P. RUSSONIELLO (CABN 44332)  
United States Attorney

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

LAURA E. PRUITT,

Defendant.

No.

VIOLATION: Title 26, United States Code,  
Section 7216 – Disclosure or Use of  
Information by Preparer of Tax Returns  
(Class A Misdemeanor)

SAN FRANCISCO VENUE

INFORMATION

The United States Attorney charges:

On or about March 20, 2007, in the Northern District of California, the defendant,

LAURA E. PRUITT,

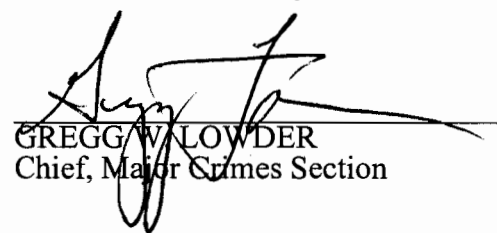
was engaged in the business of preparing, and providing services in connection with the  
preparation of tax returns, and did knowingly and recklessly use information furnished to her for,  
and in connection with the preparation of a tax return, for a purpose other than to prepare, or assist  
in preparing tax returns, to wit: the defendant altered victim R.Y.G.'s tax return to deposit

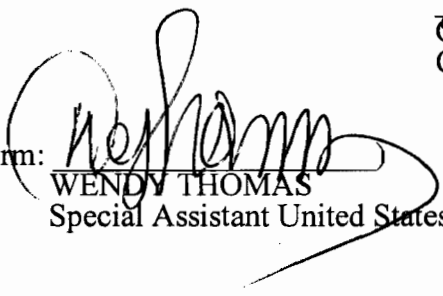
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1 R.Y.G.'s tax refund into the defendant's bank account, in violation of Title 26, United States  
2 Code, Section 7216, a Class A Misdemeanor.

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4 DATED: 5/1/08

JOSEPH P. RUSSONIELLO  
United States Attorney

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GREGG WALOWDER  
Chief, Major Crimes Section

(Approved as to form: 

WENDY THOMAS  
Special Assistant United States Attorney

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